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GET ALONG GANG™

HI GANG!

What's this? Catchum and I shaking hands! What could have happened?
We've started the year as friends, but how long can it last? Turn to page eight to find out.
Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? Flora has resolved to give up sweets, Bingo has stopped betting and Woolma has given up looking in the mirror! I wonder how long they can keep it up! As for me, I've resolved to enjoy myself more – sounds like a good resolution!

Montgomery

GANG PROJECT

Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? If not, then why not make some? Sit down and have a good, hard think. Maybe you've got a nasty habit that you'd like to stop, or perhaps you think you ought to take up a new hobby or activity. You could decide to give up sweets or to work really hard at school. Why not discuss your resolutions with your friends and see who can keep theirs the longest!

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CRAZY CAPTIONS!

Do you remember our exciting crazy captions competition in issue 83? Well, we received heaps of hilarious captions! Thank you to everyone who sent in captions – the two funniest ones came from **Alexander Alcock** (right) and **Karen Jarvis** (left).

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NEXT WEEK: Fun In Space!

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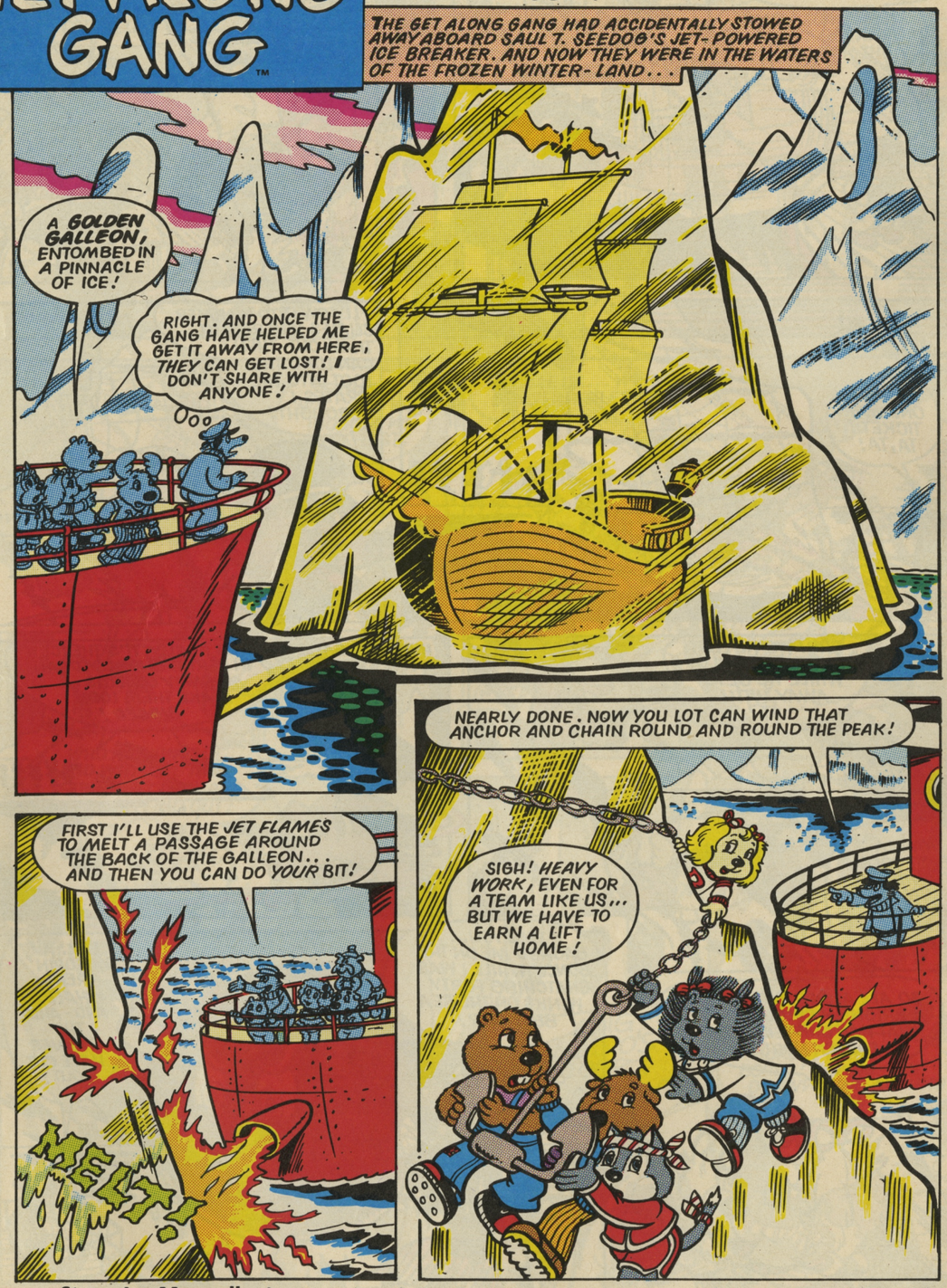
...IN KING WALDO'S ICE PALACE



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EVENTUALLY...

ANCHOR READY AND SET... NOW FULL SPEAD AHEAD!

ERK! GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THAT CHAIN!

PING!

SUCCESS... IT'S PULLED FREE!

OY... OY... WHAT ABOUT US?

CHUG! THROB!

SORRY, ONE WAY TICKET! TA, TA!

CRACK!

I'LL TOW IT TO WARMER CLIMES WHERE IT'LL THAW OUT, THEN I CAN LOAD THE LOOT INTO THE CRATES I BROUGHT!

MELT

GRR! WE'RE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD, WHILE HE GETS AWAY WITH IT!

MELT

WANNA BET? LOOK, THE HEAT FROM HIS JET ENGINE'S MAKING THE ICE SHRINK!

HUH? THE GALLEON IT'S SHRUNK!

NOT REALLY, IT'S THE ICE IN CERTAIN LIGHTS IT CAN MAGNIFY OBJECTS... MAKE THEM LOOK BIGGER!

SO ALL ALONG IT WAS JUST A BRIGHTLY COLOURED TOY THAT HAD DRIFTED TO THE FROZEN NORTH!

IT WAS YOU... BASHED ME ON THE BONCE WHILE I WAS SNATCHING FORTY WINKS ON THE SEA BED! GRR!

EEK! A WALLOPIN' GREAT WHALE... AND - AND THE ENGINES HAVE CUT OUT!

WELL, WE CAN'T GET BACK BY SEA. ALL IN FAVOUR OF HEADING INLAND FOR HELP!

AYE! AYE!

IT'S NO USE. WE'RE LOST, LOST IN THE ICY WILDERNESS!

WAIT! SOMEONE'S COMING! PERHAPS WE CAN ASK THE WAY!

A TO Z OF THE SAHARA

PERHAPS NOT... AND WE THOUGHT WE WERE LOST!

EXCUSE US... WE'RE IN A TERRIBLE HURRY

WHOOSH!

EEK!

WHO ARE THIS LOT... AND WHY ARE THEY RUNNING? PERHAPS WE CAN FIND OUT!

KING WALDO'S COURT

FIRST A GOLDEN GALLEON ... NOW A PALACE OF ICE!

BORED! BORED! BORED! CAN NO-ONE DO ANYTHING AROUND HERE!

NEVER HAPPY, NEVER SATISFIED, THAT'S KING WALDO! ALWAYS MOANING, COMPLAINING! THAT'S WHY NONE OF US PENGUINS STAY LONG! MUST DASH, GOT TO SNATCH AN ICEBERG!

SUMMER LAND SCAPE

WINTER LANDSCAPE

WEATHER REPORTS TODAY — SNOW TOMORROW — SNOW OUTLOOK — SNOW

SIGH. WHO'D BE A KING? NOTHING TO DO, NOTHING TO SEE BUT *SNOW* AND *MORE* SNOW!

YAWN

BUBBL BATH

LISTEN TO HIM. THE LAZY LUMP LIES IN HIS BATH ALL DAY LONG AND MOANS HIS TUSKS OFF!

HEY, YOU'RE NOT PENGUINS NOT THAT YOU'LL BE ANY MORE FUN THAN THEY ARE!

OOPS... THE TOY GALLEON!

WHAT? WHAT IS THIS OBJECT POLLUTING THE *ROYAL BATH-WATER!*

ER, SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY. IT'S A. ER, *BATHTOY*, A SHIP!

BUT DON'T JUST BLAME ME ...WE ALL BROUGHT IT HERE!

A SHIP... BURBLE... THE SORT THAT *RIDES* OVER *WAVES*... BLOOBLE... LIKE *THESE*... BLLRRPP!

ROUGH SEAS... AND A *WHALE* ON THE LOOSE... OH, YES... THIS IS GOOD!

BATHTIMES CAN BE FUN, *FUN*! A GALLEON OF GIGGLES. NAME YOUR PRICE FOR THIS!

WELL, WE COULD DO WITH A LIFT HOME!

SO WE GET TO DO THE WORK AS USUAL NO FUN BEING A PENGUIN!

AND YOU'RE NOT PULLING YOUR WEIGHT, PENGUIN!

NOT EXACTLY GETTING ALONG TOGETHER!

SWOOSH!

BICKER! SULK! MOAN

SO...

NOT LIKE US... JUST TELL US WHICH WAY TO HEAD! WE'LL DO THE PULLING!

OKAY, ONLY DON'T TELL KING WALDO!

WE'RE AT THE SEA... SO WHAT DO WE DO FROM HERE, SWIM?

NOT *YOU* LOT. WALDO'S KING AROUND HERE, REMEMBER?

AND...

@ GREEN MEADOW

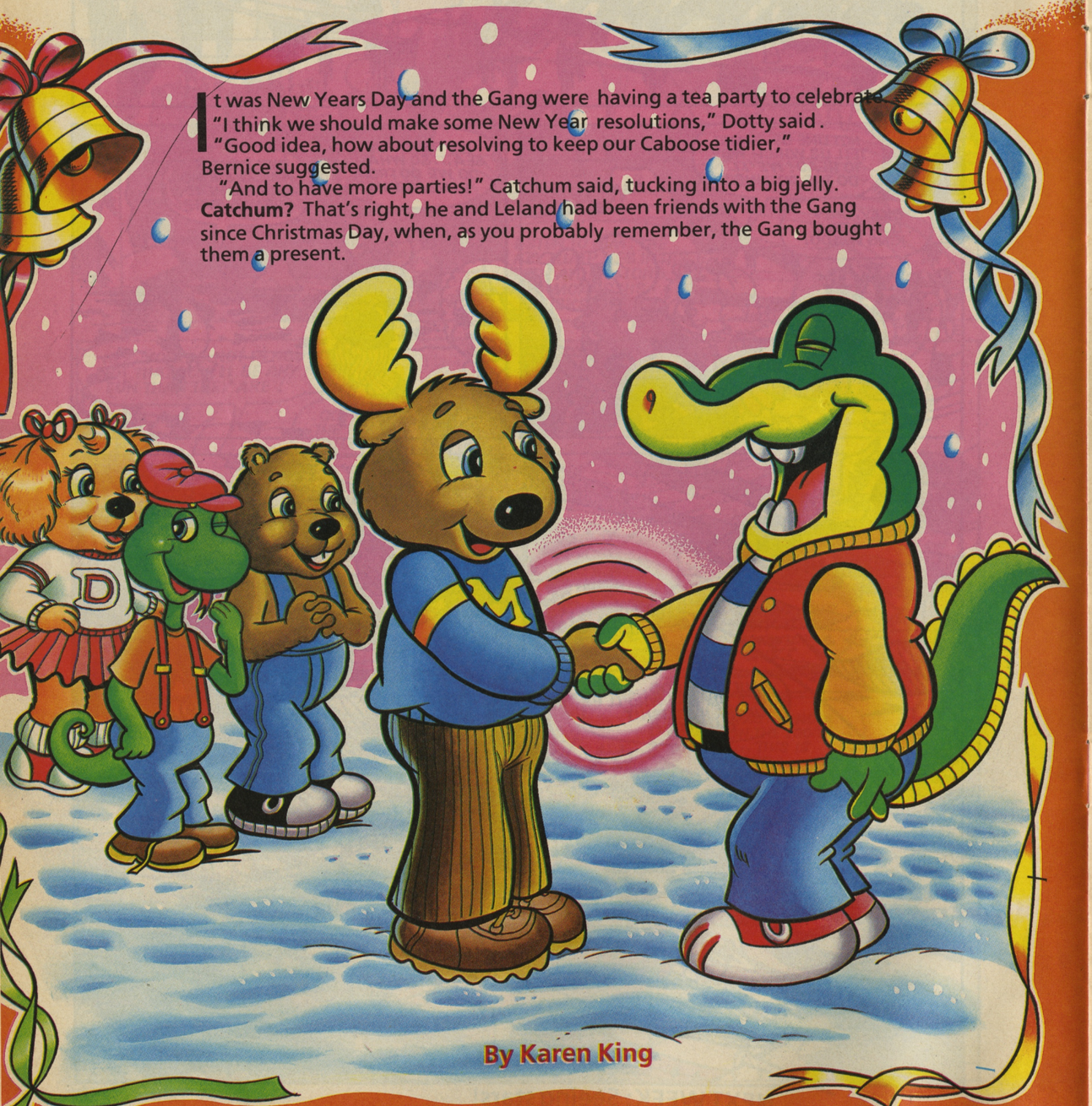
HELLO? WHO'S BEEN UPSETTING HUMPHREY?

SAUL T. SEADOG... NOW HE'S THE ONE WHO'LL BE *UPSET* IF HE ISN'T CAREFUL!

NEXT WEEK: Seeing stars!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Catchum turns over a new leaf and joins the Gang! But how long will it last?



By Karen King

It was New Years Day and the Gang were having a tea party to celebrate. "I think we should make some New Year resolutions," Dotty said. "Good idea, how about resolving to keep our Caboose tidier," Bernice suggested.

"And to have more parties!" Catchum said, tucking into a big jelly.

Catchum? That's right, he and Leland had been friends with the Gang since Christmas Day, when, as you probably remember, the Gang bought them a present.

"One thing we should definitely resolve is to never fall out again," Montgomery said. "I think we should make Catchum and Leland members of the Gang!"

"Wow!" Leland grinned. "Your plan's worked. . . Ouch!" Catchum had given him a hefty kick under the table!

"Why, thank you, we'd love that," he simpered. "Wouldn't we Leland?"

"Er . . . you bet!" Leland replied, rubbing his leg.

"I'm not really sure about this . . ." Braker said, putting the brakes on the idea as usual.

"Of course they should join the Gang!" Woolma butted in "We're all friends now."

"Right, we'll meet at the Caboose tonight and Catchum and Leland can join the gang." Montgomery decided.

"Thanks Boss! Now, you girls carry on home and me and Leland'll do this." Catchum told Bernice as she and Woolma started to tidy up.

"Gee, thanks Catchum,!" Bernice smiled, "That's kind of you."

"Anything to help!" Catchum said with friendly grin.

"I'm not so sure we should have Catchum and Leland in the Gang." Braker said worriedly as they walked home, "All this 'turning over a new leaf' stuff makes me suspicious."

"You should forgive and forget!" Woolma said, "After all, look how kind they're being now, clearing up for us."

"You just like it 'cos Catchum keeps creeping around and saying how pretty you look!" Bingo snorted.

"Well, I must say it is nice for someone to notice!" Woolma retorted, "It's a pity you lot haven't more manners!"

"Hey, let's not fall out over this." Dotty said. "I think Woolma and Montgomery are right, it seems like Catchum and Leland are trying to make amends so we should give them a chance."

Meanwhile, back inside the Caboose Catchum was lounging in an armchair, eating Bingo's toffees whilst Leland cleared the table.

"Make sure you clean up properly!" Catchum told him "We want to make a good impression, show them how kind and thoughtful we are!"

"It's not fair, how come I get all the work?" Leland moaned as he piled the washing up in the sink.

"'Cos I've got the brains, thats why!" Catchum grinned "Thanks to me, we've got those twerps fooled and as soon as they join us in the Gang I'm going to be boss and the silly twits'll be waiting on us hand and foot!"

"Hey, the place looks lovely and clean!" Bernice smiled as the Gang walked back in the Caboose later that evening "Thanks Catchum, you and Leland have done a great job. Wish these guys were as helpful!"

"It's a pleasure, and may I say how nice you girls look this evening?" Catchum replied, "Is that a new dress, Woolma? It really suits you".

"Why thank you," Woolma cooed.

"He's getting on my nerves, sucking up to the girls like that." Bingo muttered.

"Me too," Rocco agreed. "I reckon he's up to something."

"He's only trying to be helpful." Montgomery replied, "There's nothing wrong with that."

"I don't mind him joining the Gang as long as he promises to keep the Gang rule." Braker said.

"Rule? What rule?" Catchum asked rather worriedly.

"Well the Gang motto is one for all and all for fun ." Montgomery explained. "And all members of the Gang have to promise to work for the good of the Get Along Gang."

"And quite right too." Catchum grinned widely, "The Gang should always come first!"

"Come on Montgomery, let's get on with it!" Woolma said "The sooner we join them in the Gang, the better!"

Braker got his tape recorder from under the table and switched it on.

Montgomery started the joining ceremony. "Hold up your right hands and repeat after me – I, Catchum Crocodile do promise . . ."

"We've got those twerps fooled and as soon as they join us in the gang I'll be boss . . . "

"Wh-a-t?" Everyone gasped as Catchum's voice boomed from Braker's tape recorder.

"I was suspicious about Catchum's sudden friendliness so I thought I'd leave my tape on and see what he said when we weren't here." Braker explained. "Don't sound like he intends to keep the Gang rule, does it?"

"Wurrgle!" Catchum spluttered turning a funny shade of purple.

"We'll have the silly twits waiting on us hand and foot . . ."

"So that's what you were up to, you lying cheat!" Bingo fumed.

"I've already got that stupid nitwit Woolma eating out of my hand . . ."

"Why you . . . Thump!" Woolma picked up her hairbrush and banged Catchum on the head with it.

"Yeow!" he yelled, running out of the caboose "Help!"

"Ha!" Ha! Ha!" Bingo chortled as Woolma chased the crafty pair. "Wait for us, Woolma, remember the Gang should do things together!"

AS EASY AS

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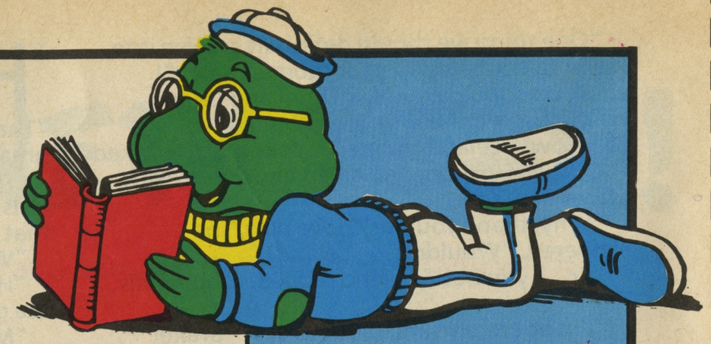

book choice

Capital: Delhi.
Language: Hindi and English.
Why India's a fun place to visit:

- **Woolma is wearing a sari,** which is an Indian dress. Most Indian women wear **saris**. A **sari** is made from a long piece of material which is wrapped round the body.
- In India **cows** are sacred animals and are allowed to wander freely, even in the middle of big cities! Drivers are used to going around **cows** lying peacefully in the middle of the road.
- In the background of the picture below, you can see a building called the **Taj Mahal**. It is a very beautiful building made of white marble. It was built in 1648 by **Emperor Shah Jahan**, as a tomb for his wife.
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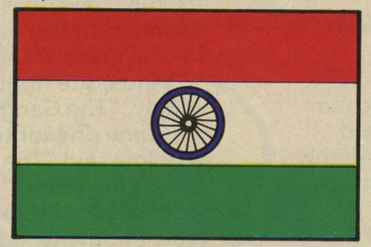
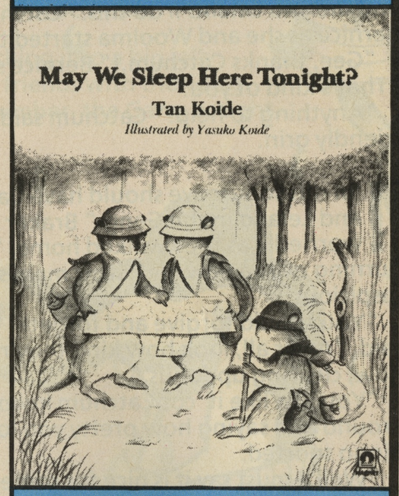


The Indian flag.



May We Sleep Here Tonight? by Tan Koide. Illustrated by Yasuko Koide. Published by Magnet Books. Price: £1.95.

It's late! The fog is getting thicker and the three mice are lost in the woods! They're so pleased when they find a house in the woods. No one replies when they knock – where can the owner be? The mice are so cold and tired that they decide to stay and so they climb up into the big bed. Suddenly they hear footsteps – somebody is coming! Who can it be?

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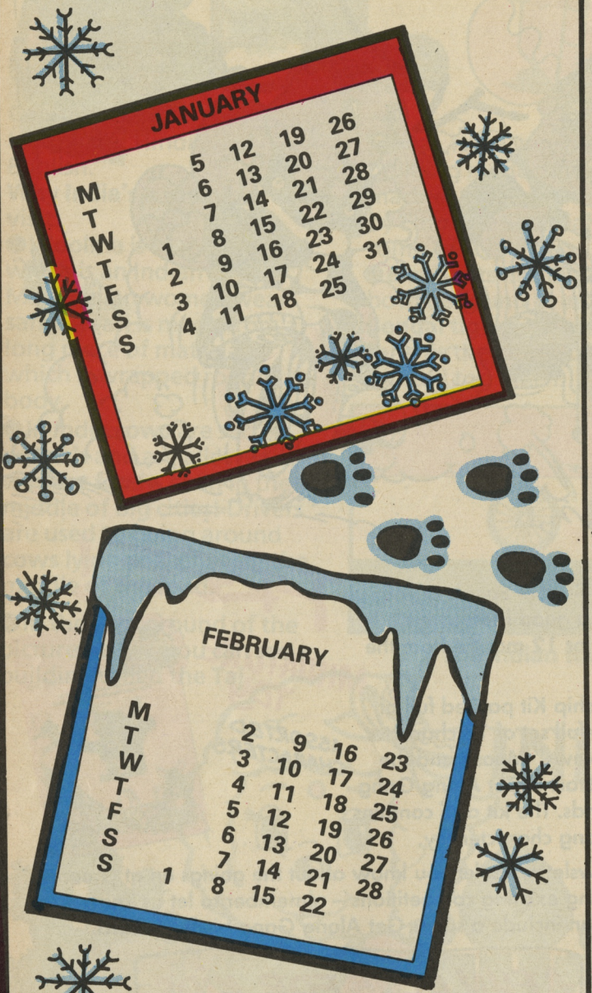
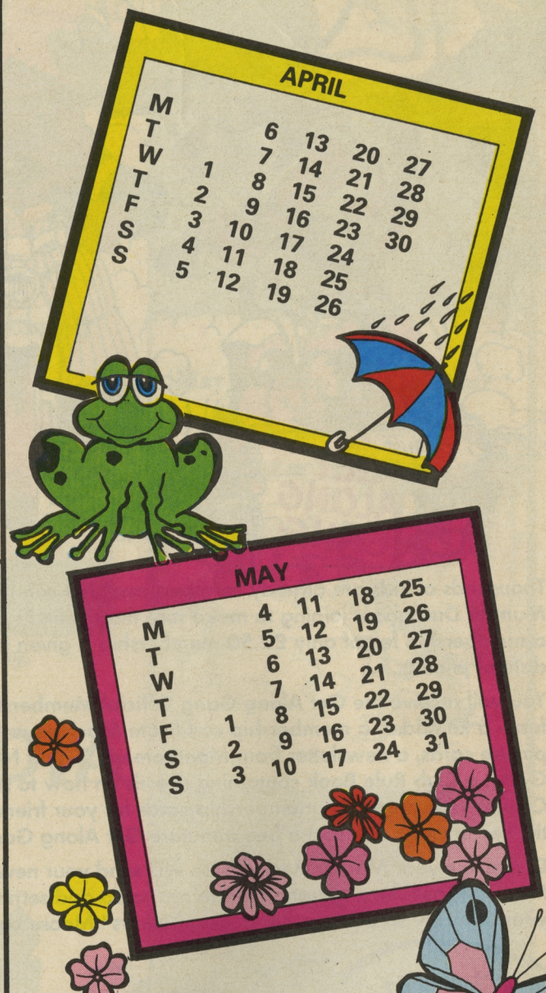
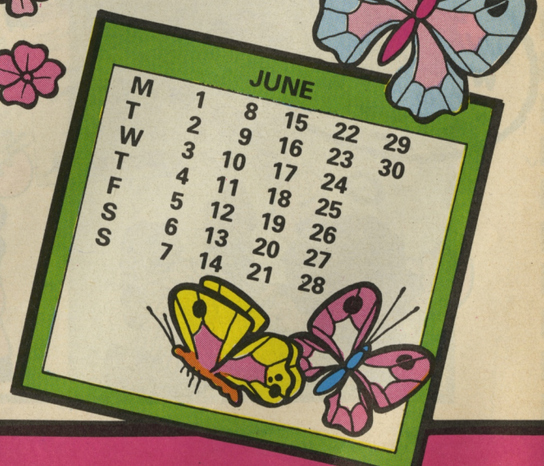
GET ALONG GANG CALENDER



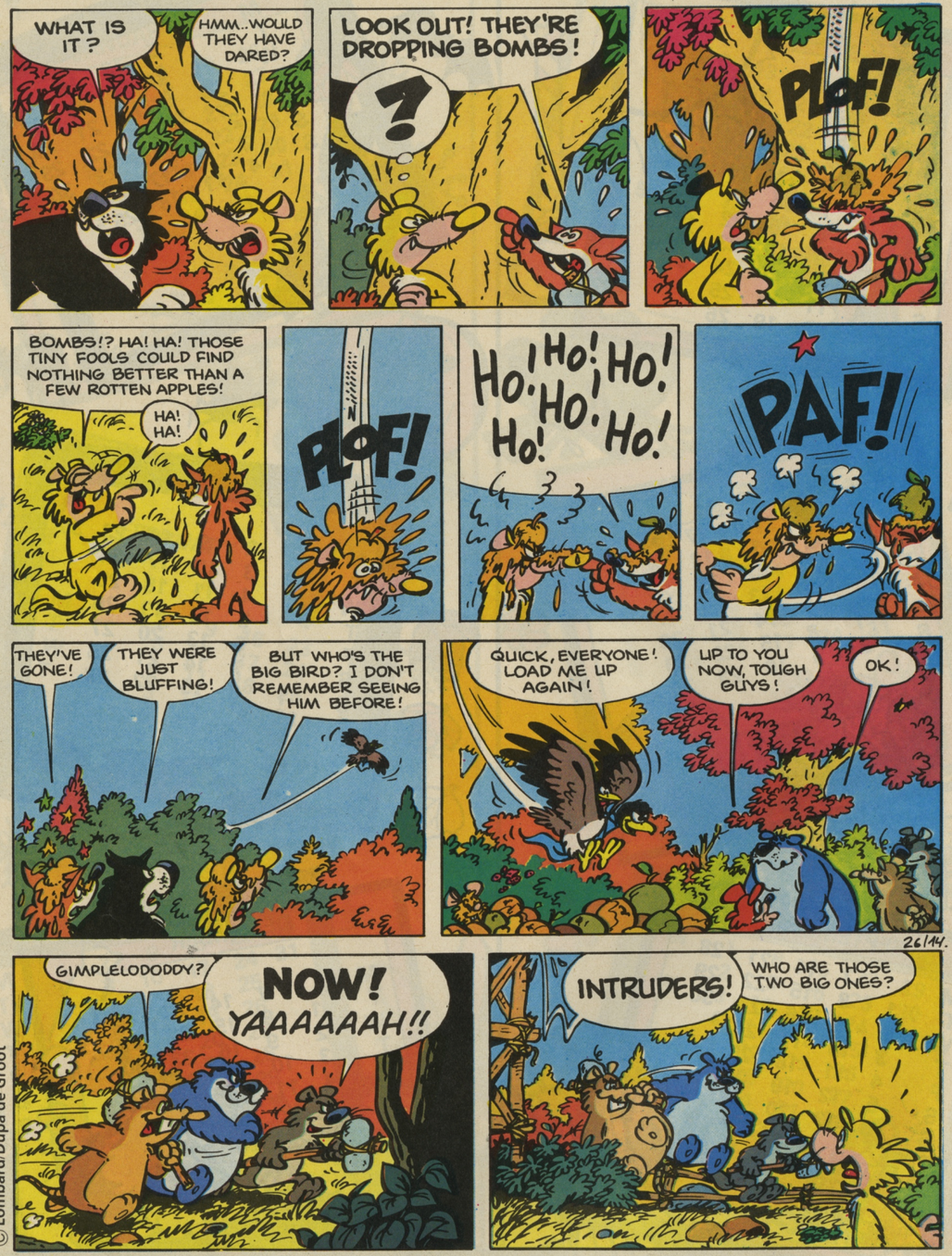




The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

CLORO AND DIGBY

Cloro and Digby are fighting back against the bullies who have taken over Little Wood . . .



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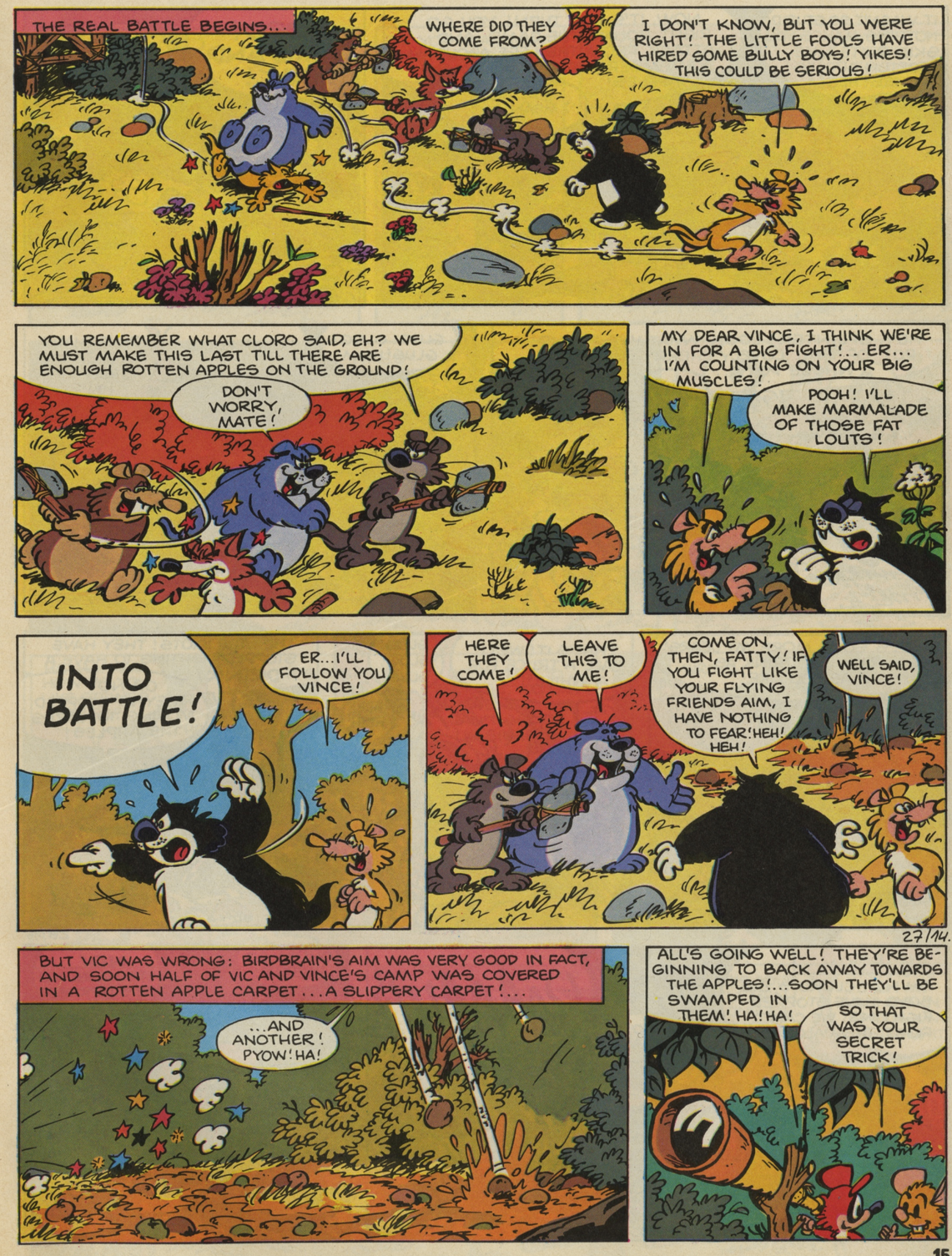

IT WASN'T SO STUPID! NOTHING MAKES YOU SKID QUITE LIKE ROTTEN APPLES! HEE! HEE!

NOW, IT'S OUR TURN! YOU GO RIGHT ROUND THE CAMP, AND ATTACK FROM THE LEFT. ABOVE ALL, REMEMBER NOT TO WALK IN THE APPLES!....

ER...YES... I MEAN, NO, CLORO.

CLORO! COME AND LOOK!

WHAT?

HEY, SPLINTER! LOOK WHAT I'VE FOUND! A POT OF THAT LOVELY CHERRY JUICE! A WHOLE POT!...

UH?

?!

GLUG! GLUG! GLUG! HMM!

IGIMPLEGLUG!

OH, IF THAT'S ALL THEY NEED TO KEEP THEM HAPPY...

HERE'S SOME MORE, MY DEARS! YES! DRINK UP! DRINK AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE!

THAT'S IT! WE'LL CALL A TRUCE FOR A WHILE!

GLUG! GLUG! GLUG!

HEE! HEE!

THE...THE IDIOTS! THEY HAVE STOPPED FIGHTING TO HAVE A DRINK!

OH NO! THEY'VE STOPPED MOVING TOWARDS THE APPLES!

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INSTEAD...

OH NO! CLORO'S BIG BOYS HAVE STOPPED FIGHTING! WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALONE!

I CAN!

NO, DEAR!

YAAAAH!!!

OH! I'LL GO MYSELF!

NO! STAY HERE AND BE SURPRISED!

FWIIIIIIT!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? THAT WAS FOR US, EVERYBODY!

KSSS! KSSS!! H'AAAR!

WE'LL FOLLOW YOU!

?

KSSS! KSSS! KSSSS!

YIKES! S-S-SNAKES!

NO!

?

ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP

HA! HA! HA! HOW DO YOU LIKE STEWED APPLES?

HO! HO!

IT'S...IT'S NOT FAIR! HAVING SNAKES ON YOUR SIDE, IT'S NO JOKE!

DON'T TRY TO RUN, VIC, YOU CAN'T MOVE, BUT THEY CAN'T GET TO US EITHER!

WRONG!

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SO THAT WAS HOW OUR FRIENDS RETURNED TO THE LITTLE WOOD..

WE WON! WE WON!

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! WE'VE BEEN HAD! THEY WEREN'T SNAKES, JUST SLOW WORMS IN DISGUISE!

OH! YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT I WAS NEVER VERY GOOD AT NATURE AT SCHOOL!...

AND HERE'S YOUR PAY, GENTLEMEN! TEN GALLONS OF CHERRY JUICE!

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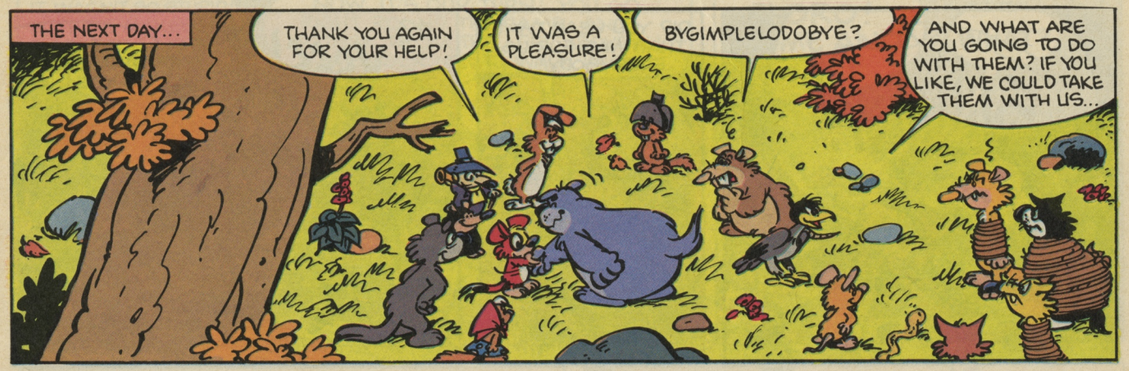
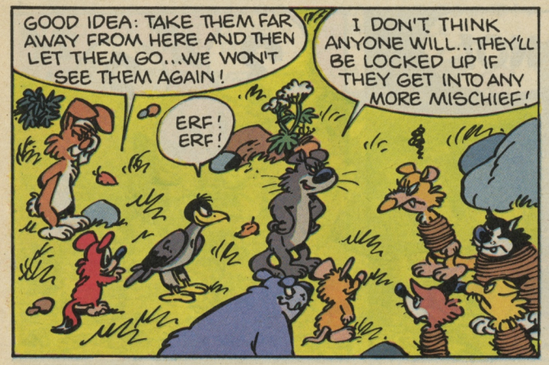
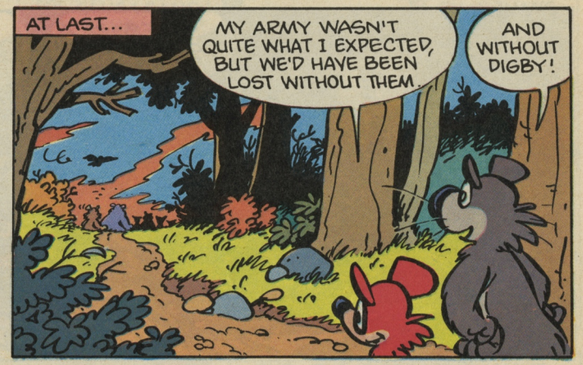
FANTASTIC! EVEN MY FRIENDS IN AFRICA HAVE HEARD OF IT!


THE NEXT DAY...
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP!
IT WAS A PLEASURE!
BYGIMPLELODOBYE?
AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THEM? IF YOU LIKE, WE COULD TAKE THEM WITH US...


GOOD IDEA: TAKE THEM FAR AWAY FROM HERE AND THEN LET THEM GO...WE WON'T SEE THEM AGAIN!
ERF! ERF!
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL...THEY'LL BE LOCKED UP IF THEY GET INTO ANY MORE MISCHIEF!


AT LAST...
MY ARMY WASN'T QUITE WHAT I EXPECTED, BUT WE'D HAVE BEEN LOST WITHOUT THEM.
AND WITHOUT DIGBY!

THAT'S TRUE! YOUR SECRET ARMY WORKED ...AND JUST IN TIME!
OH, IT WAS NOTHING! IT'S THEM YOU MUST THANK!
OH! REALLY!

HOW DID YOU FIND THEM?
OH! LUCK, REALLY! I MET ONE OF THEM WHO (IN TEARS) TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD SO LOVE TO BE A SNAKE. SO I SAID THAT IF HE GOT A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS, AND WE MADE THEM UP A BIT...
YES, NOW WE KNOW WHAT TO DO TO FRIGHTEN AWAY NASTY CREATURES!

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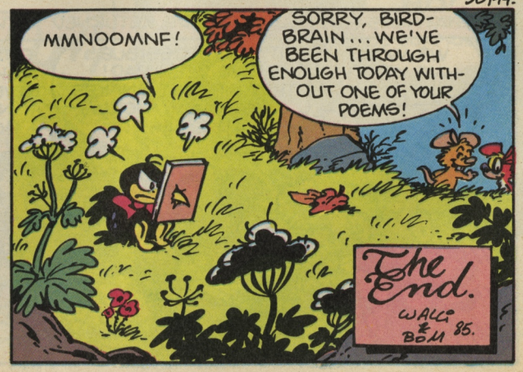
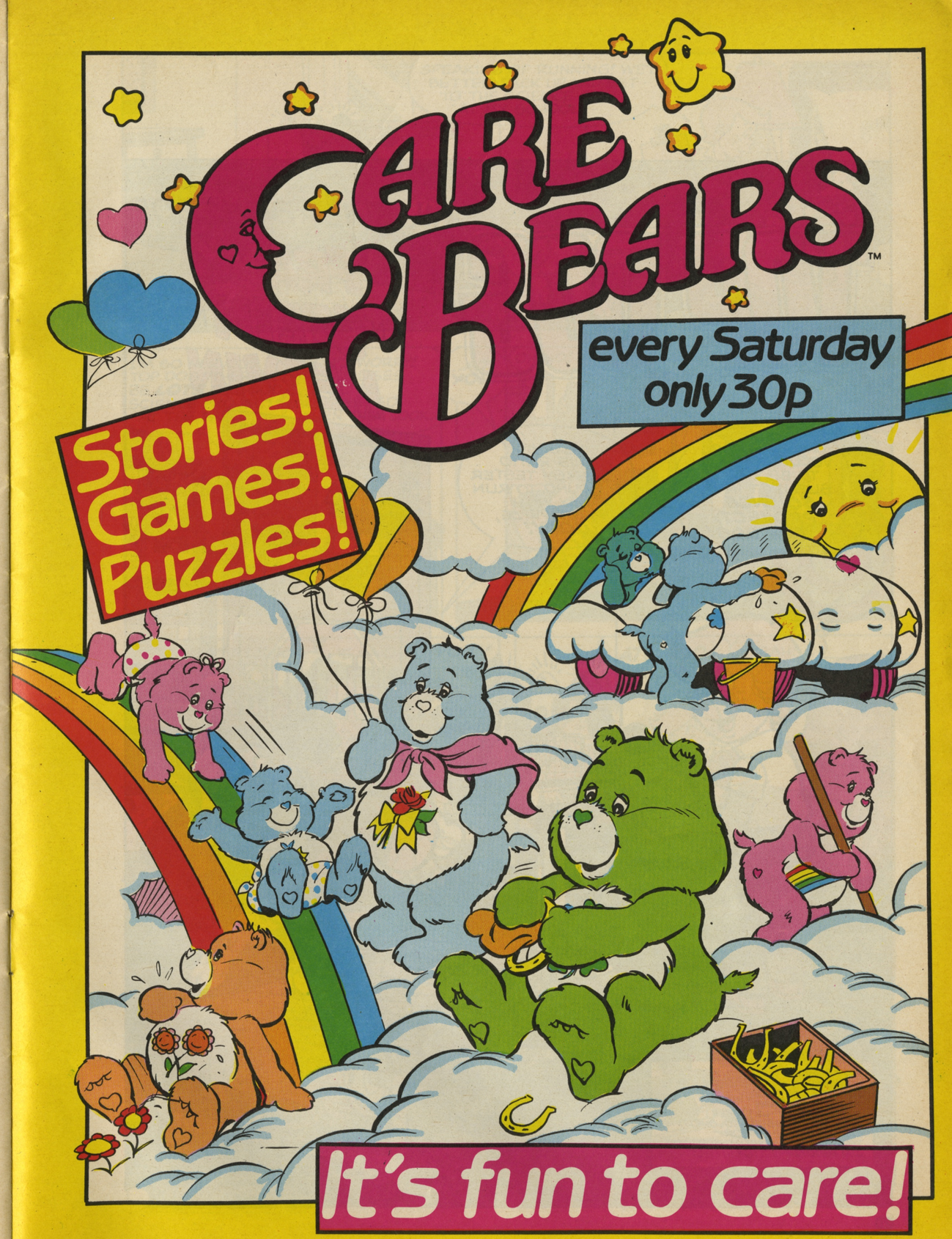
GENTLEMEN, YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE! THIS STORY IS ALL BUT OVER! IT JUST REMAINS FOR ME TO SAY THAT I HAVE CREATED AN EPIC POEM TO MARK THE OCCASION AND I SHOULD LIKE TO READ YOU THE FIRST SIXTY VERSES:
OH LITTLE CREATURES SMALL
COME, HEARKEN, ONE AND ALL..
NO


MMNOOMNF!
SORRY, BIRD-BRAIN... WE'VE BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH TODAY WITH-OUT ONE OF YOUR POEMS!
The End.
WALZ & BOLL 85.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THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE THE SUBJECT IN MY *SCIENCE PROJECT, TOP DOG!*

HEH HEH! THIS RATIO ENERGY TESTER IS BOUND TO RUN AWAY WITH FIRST PRIZE, *JOEY!*

STOP

DAVE MANAK - WRITER
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SPEAKING OF RUNNING! WE'D BETTER PACK UP AND GET TO THE SCIENCE FAIR AT MY SCHOOL!

I'M SO NERVOUS, TOP DOG! THERE'LL BE *LOTS* OF GOOD SCIENCE PROJECTS AT THE FAIR!

DON'T WORRY! THE JUDGES WILL BE IMPRESSED WHEN THEY LOOK..

..*AT YOU!*

OH, NO! MY SISTER, LIZZIE!

HUH? DID I *HEAR* WHAT I *THINK* I HEARD?

TOP DOG *TALKED!* I JUST *HEARD* HIM!

HE SAID "*AT YOU*"!

ER... AH...

ATCHOO!

YEAH!...

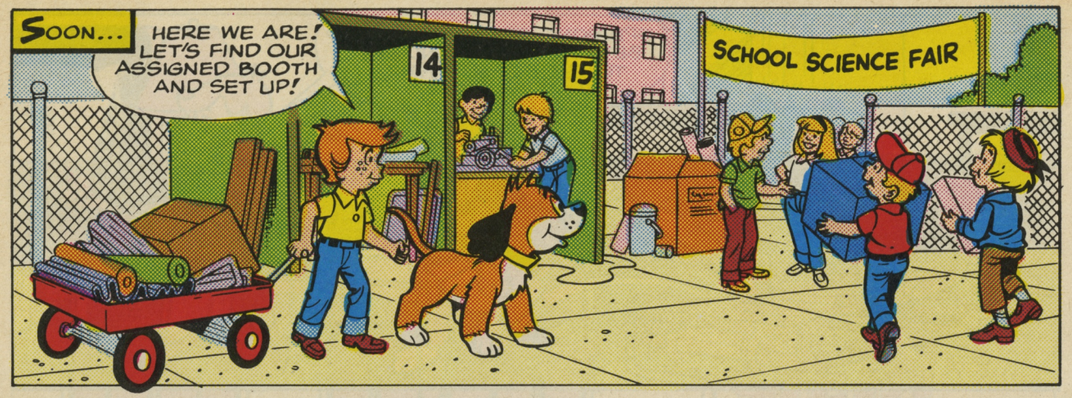
ATCHOO!

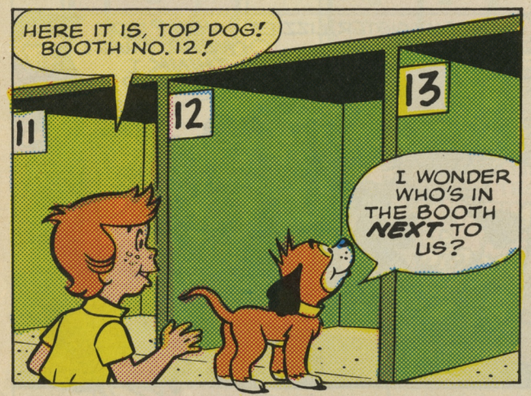
REALLY, LIZZIE! YOU MUST STOP USING THAT *CHEAP PERFUME!* SNIFF!

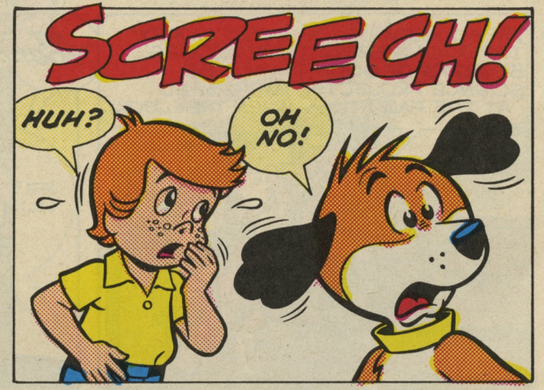
HEY! GOOD THINKING, JOEY!

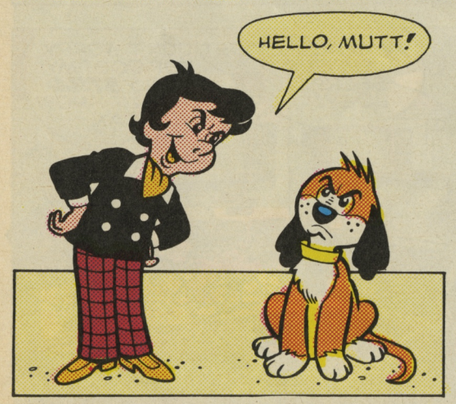
WHEW! ALMOST BLEW OUR SECRET, JOEY!

DON'T WORRY, TOP DOG! MY FAMILY *STILL* DOESN'T KNOW YOU CAN TALK!









NEXT WEEK: MERVINS' KITE!

LETTERS TO GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

GHASTLY GANG!

Dear Catchum,
Why do you hate the Gang so much? Please tell me!

Lesley Hood,

I hate the ghastly Get Along Gang 'cos they're all such rotten, do-gooding, wimpy softies! Does that answer your question!

MEAN MOUSE!

Dear Catchum,
Why don't you buy a real mouse and set it free near Woolma? It would really scare her!

Daniel Cottam.

Chortle! What a great idea! I'll remember that one! Thanks Daniel.

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!

Did you hear about the fight in the biscuit tin?
Well, the wagon wheel hit the breakaway with a club and the penguin got away in a taxi!

Debbie Raskins.

Waiter, waiter this egg is rotten!
Don't blame me, I only lay the table!

John Harte.

What does a policeman have in his sandwiches?
Trunchon meat!

Julie Haynes.

What goes putt, putt, putt?
A bad golfer!

Gemma Bennett.

Did you hear the joke about the pencil?
I'd better not tell you, it's pointless!

Louise Rommel.

CATCHUM'S GANG?

Dear Catchum,
I have started a gang! It's called the Dinosaur Gang! Have you ever started a gang of your own?

Simon Jones.

I've tried to start my own gang, a few times. Unfortunately no one ever wants to join – except Leland! Maybe you'd like to join?

Write to:- Mr. C. Crocodile, Gummyfoot Swamp, Marvel Comics, 23. Redan Place, London W2 4SA.

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY
Carol Donovan will be 9 and **Amy Petts** will be a year older.

SUNDAY
Andrew Hodgson will be 7.

MONDAY
Robert Goldsworthy will be 3 and **Clare Lipscombe** will be 9.

TUESDAY
Sarah Holland will be 9.

WEDNESDAY
David Burton will be 3, **Angela Clarke** will be 5 and **Alexandra Lloyd** will be 8.

THURSDAY
Sam Beresford will be 5 and **Andrea Clutton** will be 7.

FRIDAY
Alexander Clarke will be 3 and **Steven Charlton** will be 8.

Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!

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